in the Senate did not pass it, and we were talking about oranges and apples and we could not get the appropriation process done until February. We need to pass a budget; the Senate needs to pass a budget; we need to get the appropriation process done. We need to talk about education. We need to talk about health care. We cannot do it unless we pass this budget.

So I say to my colleagues, it is late. We have had a lot of debate. It is time to get to work. I will make a prediction. We will have a lot of people vote against it, and we will have a few more vote for it. Let us get to it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 15-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 211, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 141]

YEAS-216 Aderholt Ehlers Latham Emerson LaTourette Bachus English Leach Baker Everett Lewis (CA) Lewis (KY) Ballenger Feeney Barrett (SC) Ferguson Linder Bartlett (MD) LoBiondo Flake Fletcher Lucas (OK) Barton (TX) Bass Foley Manzullo Beauprez McCotter Forbes Fossella McCrery Bereuter Biggert Frelinghuysen McHugh Bilirakis Gallegly McInnis Bishop (UT) McKeon Mica Miller (FL) Blackburn Gibbons Gilchrest Blunt Boehlert Gillmor Miller (MI) Bonilla Gingrey Miller, Garv Bonner Goode Murphy Musgrave Goodlatte Boozman Goss Mvrick Bradley (NH) Granger Nethercutt Graves Green (WI) Brady (TX) Northup Brown (SC) Brown-Waite, Greenwood Norwood Ginny Gutknecht Nunes Burgess Harris Nussle Burns Hart Osborne Hastert Burr Ose Burton (IN) Hastings (WA) Otter Hayes Oxley Buyer Calvert Hayworth Pearce Hensarling Pence Camp Peterson (PA) Cannon Herger Cantor Hobson Petri Hoekstra Pickering Capito Hulshof Carter Pitts Chabot Hunter Pombo Porter Chocola Hvde Isakson Coble Portman Cole Issa Pryce (OH) Istook Collins Putnam Cox Janklow Quinn Radanovich Crane Jenkins. Crenshaw Johnson (CT) Ramstad Cubin Johnson (IL) Regula Culberson Johnson, Sam Rehberg Jones (NC) Cunningham Renzi Reynolds Davis, Jo Ann Davis, Tom Keller Rogers (AL) Kelly Kennedy (MN) Deal (GA) Rogers (KY) King (IA) King (NY) Rogers (MI) Rohrabacher DeLay DeMint Diaz-Balart, L Kingston Ros-Lehtinen Diaz-Balart, M. Kirk Royce Ryan (WI) Doolittle Kline Ryun (KS) Knollenberg Dreier Duncan Kolbe Saxton LaHood Dunn Schrock

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE) (during the vote). The Chair will advise Members there are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 0239

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 953

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the name of the gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) as a cosponsor of H.R. 953, the Paul Wellstone Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

THANKING HOUSE AND COM-MITTEE STAFF FOR HARD WORK ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESO-LUTION 95

(Mr. NUSSLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NUSSLE. Mr. Speaker, there are obviously a number of people who have toiled here late tonight. We want to thank the House staff that have stayed with us here this evening, and the reporters and the Clerk's office. We appreciate their hard work and sticking with us through these things.

I would like to thank my staff of the Committee on the Budget on the majority side. Rich Meade is my chief of staff, and we have a number of very professional people who got us to this point in time.

The Members get to make the speeches and to cast the votes, but the staff do the hard work in getting us here. In both the House and in the other body, we have had a great working relationship with those professional staffs. We want to thank them and congratulate them for a job well done.

□ 0245

I would also like to thank the members of my committee who worked hard on this, as well as the members of my committee on the opposite side of the aisle.

I have no better competitor in this process and no one that I respect more than the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT); and while we have to differ so on substance tonight, we do share a love for the process and enjoyment in working through these issues even though we do not always get our way in the final analysis. But I want to congratulate the gentleman for his work. As I say, there is no one who knows this process and this budget issue better than my friend and colleague, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SPRATT).

Mr. SPRATT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?